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SUBJ: SHORT TERM NON-ACADEMIC TRAINING IN U.S.

1. WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING AN INCREASING NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR SHORT TERM NON-ACADEMIC TRAINING IN THE U.S. THESE HAVE INCLUDED REQUESTS FOR SUCH TRAINING IN MARKETING, INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, PUBLIC HOUSING MANAGEMENT AND RADIO TRAINING. INDIVIDUALS MAKING REQUESTS IN ALMOST ALL INSTANCES WISH TO GO TO U.S. FOR A RELATIVELY BRIEF PERIOD TO STUDY THEIR AREA OF INTEREST WITH AN AMERICAN COMPANY OR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION. THEY SEEM TO WANT "ON THE JOB" TRAINING, WHICH IN TURN CAN BE APPLIED TO THEIR WORK IN KUWAIT.

2. ECON/COMMERCIAL SECTION AND USIS FIND THAT BETWEEN US WE HAVE VERY LITTLE INFORMATION TO PROVIDE TO KUWAITIS FOR US TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THEIR REQUESTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AID DOES HAVE INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BEING PROVIDED WITH SUCH INFORMATION AS WELL AS ANY OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION INCLUDING THE NAMES OF OFFICIALS OR OFFICES TO WHICH SUCH REQUESTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED.

3. OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST WOULD BE THE NAMES OF COURSES IN PUBLIC
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HOUSING MANAGEMENT AND RADIO TRAINING. IN THE CASE OF PUBLIC

HOUSING, COURSES WOULD BE FOR OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR KUWAIT'S AMBITIOUS PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM. IN THE CASE OF RADIO TRAINING IT WOULD BE FOR THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND KUWAIT RADIO AND TV EMPLOYEES WHO WILL BE OPERATING THE NEW RADIO/TV COMPLEX WHICH IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. FYI: THE PROGRAM SUPERINTENDENT OF RADIO KUWAIT, MOHAMMAD MHANNA, HAS INFORMED US THAT KUWITIS HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BBC REPRESENTATIVES BUT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH BBC TRAINING PROGRAMS AND HE IS INTERESTED IN WHAT US HAS TO OFFER. END FYI.

5. COMMENT: BOTH EMBASSY AND USIS URGE QUICK RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST SINCE WE THINK THAT SUCH COURSES CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN FOSTERING US COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS IN KUWAIT. WE BELIEVE INFO WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST TO OTHER POSTS IN THE REGION AND SUGGEST REPLY BE SENT TO INFO ADDRESSEES. STOLTZFUS

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